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NORTH POLE
HAS BEEN
FOUNDDR. COOK, AN AMERICAN EX-
PLORER, ACCOMPLISHES
THE IMPOSSIBLE

DISCOVERED MADE IN 1908

HERO OF ARCTIC EXPEDITION
NOW ON HIS WAY TO
DENMARK

HAS PROOF OF SUCCESS

DISPATCH RECEIVED FROM
GREENLAND OFFICIAL CON-
FIRMS HIS STORYCopenhagen, Denmark, Sept. 1.—Dr.
Cook, an American explorer, reached
the north pole April 21, 1908, ac-
cording to a telegram just received at
the Colonial office here. The dis-
patch from Dr. Cook was received
from Lerwick, Shetland Islands.Dr. Cook is on board the Danish
steamer, Hens Eggede, which passed
Lerwick at noon today en route to
Denmark. The telegram, announc-
ing Dr. Cook's achievement, was
sent by a Greenland official on board
the steamer and reads as follows:Text of Message
"We have on board an American
traveler, Dr. Cook, who reached the
north pole April 21, 1908. Dr. Cook
arrived at Upernivik, (the northern-
most Danish settlement in Greenland
on an island off the west coast) in
May, 1909, from Cape York (in the
northwest part of Greenland, on Bar-
fan Bay). The Esquimaux of Cape
York confirm Dr. Cook's story of his
journey."Gratified With News.
Washington, Sept. 1.—Officials of
the National Geographic society in
this city are greatly elated over the
news reporting the success of Dr.
Cook. Some time ago it was feared
Cook had been lost on his daring
trip. Friends gave up hope of ever
hearing from him again. In fact, a
relief expedition had been fitted out
and sent into the frozen north in
hope of finding the explorer.Dr. Cook's expedition was arranged
in rather a secretive manner. Very
little publicity was given his plans.

A Veteran Explorer.

For years Dr. Cook has given atten-
tion to arctic exploration and in 1891-
2 was the chief surgeon of the Peary
expedition. He started on his pres-
ent expedition in the summer of 1907,
sailing from North Sydney C. B. N.,
his party being reinforced with
sledges, dogs and arctic equipment at
Etah, Greenland, from whence he
sailed March 3, 1908.

Made Dash in Winter.

Cook's plan was to set aside all
traditions by making a dash to the
pole during the winter months, when
the elements were considered least ad-
vantageous. Nothing was heard from
him for the last eighteen months.
The last news received bore date ofMarch 17, 1908, when he was near
Cape Thomas Hubbard. He then re-
ported his health excellent and that
he had picked up a large party of Es-
quimaux of superior intelligence, and
the prospects for success were bright.
He intended to push on to the north-
ern point of Greenland and from there
start for the pole in the winter of
1908.

Born in New York

Dr. Cook was born at Callicoon depot,
Sullivan county, N. Y., in 1865. He
was married in Brooklyn in 1903 to
Miss Mary Hunt. His wife
shares the belief of the Arctic club
that her husband has achieved the
goal of the north pole.R. T. Davidson, of Brooklyn, a per-
sonal friend of Dr. Cook, received a
telegram from him today, saying he
was well and his expedition had been
a success.GREAT BRITAIN DEMANDS
SATISFACTION FROM CHINAPeking, Sept. 1.—British Minister
Jordan, without waiting for the co-
operation of the American legation,
today demanded of China immediate
reparation and punishment for the
killing last June in Kansu province of
Haarad Ali, a British subject attached
to a meteorological expedition taken
into China by Lieut. R. S. Clark, a
former officer of the American army.
The Chinese government demurred,
but the minister is firm. In return
China asked reparation for Chinese
killed in an encounter with members
of the expedition. American Charge
d'Affaires Fletcher will take independ-
ent action, having different views con-
cerning China's responsibility.CAMFIELD ARRIVES TO CLOSE
DEAL WITH GRANT BOARDD. A. Camfield, the Greeley, Colo.,
irrigation king and capitalist, reached
Las Vegas this afternoon and at the
time The Optic had gone to press
was in conference with the grant
board, closing up the details of the
reservoir project. While no announce-
ment could be made this afternoon,
of the outcome of today's meeting,
full particulars will be given tomor-
row and it is not too much to say
that by that time The Optic will be
able to give the people of this city
and county some joyful news in re-
lation to this important project.ROBBER SECURED PALTRY
\$300, SAYS ADAMS EXPRESSPittsburg, Sept. 1.—In a statement
issued here today by the agent of the
Adams Express company, it is claimed
the loss to the company the result of
the train holdup at Lewistown yester-
day, will not exceed \$300. Despite
the fact that active search has been
made for the robber, he has so far
evaded capture. The railroad com-
pany has made every effort to arrest
the desperate robber and has enlisted
the aid of several private detective
agencies.OKLAHOMA SHERIFF SHOT
WHILE ASLEEP IN BEDHolly, Okla., Sept. 1.—A complete
mystery surrounds the death of J. W.
Sims, sheriff of Harmon county, who
was found dead in bed yesterday
from a revolver wound. Mrs. Sims,
who was sleeping with her husband,
could throw no light on the shooting.
The coroner's jury returned a verdict
that the sheriff was killed by un-
known persons. The authorities, how-
ever, declare a sensational arrest will
soon be made.SWEDISH STRIKERS MAY BE
TURNED OUT OF HOMESStockholm, Sept. 1.—A number of
men on strike in Stockholm, have re-
ceived notice to leave their homes by
October 1, unless they return to
work. In the meantime the unions
have issued a proclamation declaring
that no strikers are to pay rentals
due in October. The strike leaders
maintain it will be impossible to turn
thousands of families into the street.GIRL PROVES INSANE MAN
HERSELF A
HEROINE
RUSTLERS'
TOOLSIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD MISS PRE-
SENTS A WHOLESOME JAIL
DELIVERY

SHERIFF AWAY ON ERRAND

WITH GUN, SISTER OF INDIANA
OFFICER COWS DESPERATE
PRISONERS

STOOD GUARD AT WINDOW

HAD SAWED BARS BUT SHE
THREATENED TO SHOOT IF
THEY CRAWLED OUTLawrenceburg, Ind., Sept. 1.—Miss
Alice White, the sixteen-year-old sis-
ter of Sheriff White, prevented a jail
delivery here yesterday by arming
herself with a revolver and holding
three desperate prisoners at bay un-
til help reached her and the prison-
ers were safely locked in separate
cells.The sheriff was temporarily absent
and the girl heard the men sawing
their way out. She stationed herself
on the ground below the window at
which they were at work and barred
their way to liberty. They already
had two bars sawed in two and one of
the men was crawling through the
opening when the girl threatened
him to return on pain of death.COURT AFFIRMS VERDICT IN
FAMOUS MARIANO SENA CASE

(Special Dispatch)

Santa Fe, N. M., Sept. 1.—After
having been in session here for a
week, the New Mexico supreme court
adjourned late last evening until Janu-
ary 4, 1910.Before adjourning the court handed
down several important decisions, the
most interesting of which was one in
the famous Mariano Sena case, grow-
ing out of Sena's conviction on two
counts on the charge of altering a
document in connection with the tak-
ing of the last federal census. This
case has been hanging fire for almost
10 years and has been bitterly fought.
Continuances have from time to time
been granted and every effort made
to get it off the docket but without
success. Great influence was brought
to bear to save Sena from a prison
sentence. The convicted man is abrother of Jose D. Sena, a member of
the governor's staff, mayor of Santa
Fe and clerk of the territorial su-
preme court.Other decisions rendered were those
of the Territory vs. Emilio Valles,
convicted in Socorro county of the
larceny of a mule, in which the ver-
dict of the lower court was affirmed,
and Donaciano Gallegos vs. Former
Sheriff E. M. Sandoval of Bernalillo
county, in which judgment was ren-
dered against the latter for \$500, for
wrongful seizure of goods on an exe-
cution in favor of M. Mandell, of Al-
buquerque.The supreme court reversed two
cases, namely, that of the United
States vs. Jesus Medina, convicted of
violating the internal revenue laws,
and the Territory vs. Hattie Cray, of
Albuquerque, for condemnation of
lands for the New Mexico university.FIRE CAUSES \$23,000 LOSS
AT ROSWELL MILITARY SCHOOLRoswell, N. M., Sept. 1.—Lea hall,
one of the main buildings of the New
Mexico military institute here, was
totally destroyed by a fire which
broke out yesterday morning at 5 o'-
clock. The origin of the fire is un-
known. The loss was about twenty-
three thousand dollars, with fifteen
thousand dollars insurance. The re-
construction of the building will begin
at once and temporary arrangements
will be made for taking care of the
students who are already beginning
to arrive. The military school will
open in full force next Monday morn-
ing without any serious interruption
of the work.The fire originated in one of the
front rooms on the first floor. The
whole room was ablaze when the
alarm was sounded and by the time
the fire department reached the insti-
tute grounds after a mile run up a
steep hill, the whole interior wasconcerned about his whereabouts, and
a search was begun to find him.
However, this was a bold of results.His Mind a Blank
All that Martinez can remember of
his wanderings of the past several
months is that one day he boarded a
train and got off at a station he
thought was Wagon Mound, but which
was Springer. He wandered about
for some time, finally getting into a
remote part of Mora county, where he
was taken in charge by a band of
horse thieves and cattle rustlers.These rustlers kept Martinez an un-
willing prisoner and used him as a
tool while pursuing their work of
stealing horses and cattle. They
would station Martinez to watch
their horses, while they would sneak
up on some rancher's place, steal sev-
eral horses or cattle and drive them
off.How He Was Located.
It was while Martinez was with this
gang that he was finally located.
About a week ago, officers in Taos
county ran down this gang of thieves
and arrested two of them and also
Martinez, who was with the band.But the arrest of these men, including
Martinez, proved a God-send to the
unfortunate man, for when it was
learned who he was and that he was
not responsible mentally, he was at
once released, turned over to friends
and taken to his home in Wagon
Mound. It was quickly proved that
he was not a thief, but simply the
victim of circumstances over which
he had no control.Martinez, previous to losing his
mind, was considered a very bright
man, he being a graduate of the
University of Michigan at Ann Arbor,
a member of the New Mexico bar, a
prominent sheep owner and interest-
ed in education matters in his
home county and town. There is hope
held out for his recovery by physi-
cians who have examined him.Mrs. Harriet B. Martinez, wife of
the demented man, accompanied him
to this city and returns tonight to her
home in Wagon Mound. Mrs. Marti-
nez is a sister of Mrs. Grace B. Hall,
one of the grade teachers in the local
schools.CHANGE IN EMPLOYEES
OF TRANSIT COMPANYThere has been a general change
in the car repairing department of
the Las Vegas Transit company. J.
W. King, who has for the past five
years been associated with the car
company here, coming to Las Vegas
from St. Louis, Mo., with W. A.
Buddecke at the time the electric
cars were first installed here, in the
capacity of superintendent of the car
repairing department, has resigned.
W. A. Gilpin, who has been connected
with the plant at Albuquerque for
several years, will fill the position
made vacant by Mr. King and George
Laemme, who has been in the employ
of the car company here as motor-
man for a number of months, will
act as assistant to Mr. Gilpin. A. J.
Marshall will get a change in run,
taking up the duties laid down by Mr.
Laemme and J. H. Noyes, who has
been working as relief man, will re-
ceive permanent employment on Mr.
Marshall's former run.DEMAND FOR HITCHING
STRAPS EXCEEDS SUPPLYThere was such an unprecedented
demand for hitching straps today at
the several hardware stores and har-
ness dealers that a shortage in the
supply is reported by at least one
dealer. Tie straps, neck straps and
every other kind of a strap that
would hold a horse was sought for by
nervous horse owners, who were anx-
ious to obey the hitching ordinance
and thus escape the minions of the
law. In many instances, for econ-
omy's sake, rope sufficed to fill the
wants of those desiring something
that would hold "Old Tom" or
"Maude."FRENCH ARMY CAPTAINS FIGHT
BLOODY DUELS WITH SWORDSParis, Sept. 1.—Captain Gerard and
Captain Ange, of the French army and
members of the royalty, fought a
bloody duel with swords this morning
to settle an "affair of honor." The
scene of the duel was in a remote sec-PROMINENT
JAPS WILL
TOUR U. S.PARTY OF FORTY-SIX OF MIKA-
DO'S SUBJECTS ARRIVE AT
SEATTLE

REPRESENTATIVE DELEGATION

THOUSANDS GATHER ON WHARF
TO WELCOME VISITORS TO
AMERICA

TENDERED A RECEPTION

WILL TRAVEL ACROSS CONTIN-
ENT AND BACK IN PALATIAL
SPECIAL TRAINSeattle, Sept. 1.—On a journey
whose mission is to strengthen the
bonds of friendship and commerce be-
tween Japan and the United States,
forty-six Japanese bankers, mer-
chants, members of parliament, edu-
cators and editors, representing the
chambers of commerce of Tokio,
Kiotu, Kobe, Yokohama and Nagoya,
arrived here this morning on the
steamship Minnesota.A great crowd of Japanese people
gathered at the wharf on which the
Japanese flag and the Stars and
Stripes were intertwined. As the
steamer approached, a bamboo can-
non threw into the air bombs, which
bursting released balloons showing
paper figures. Thousands met the
visitors, including the ambassador at
Washington, Mayor Miller, of Seat-
tle, J. D. Toman, president of the As-
sociated Chambers of Commerce of
eight large cities of the Pacific coast
and a delegation of business men.
These three officials made speeches
of welcome to the Japanese. The
representatives later briefly respond-
ed.The visitors leave Monday next on
a tour across the continent and back
to San Francisco in a special train.LAWYER WINS OUT IN
COSTA RICA ELECTIONNew York, Sept. 1.—Word received
from J. J. Ulliot, consul general in
New York, from President Gonzales
Viques of Costa Rica, says returns
from the election yesterday show the
election of Dr. Ricardo Jimenez as
the next president of Costa Rica. Com-
plete order prevails throughout the
republic. Dr. Jimenez is a lawyer
and former Costa Rican minister to
the United States and Mexico.BOY SHOTS BROTHER
WHILE PLAYING COWBOYSt. Louis, Sept. 1.—Willie King,
aged 8, shot and killed his brother,
Francis, aged 10, in their bedroom
early this morning. The boys are
sons of a police sergeant, and were
playing "cowboy" at the time of the
shooting.PARLIAMENT BUILDING
IN TORONTO BURNINGToronto, Sept. 1.—The Par-
liament building is on fire. The
roof of the west wing has fall-
en in and the library is now
in flames. The entire con-
tents, consisting of upwards of
+ 100,000 books, will be destroyed.FOUR TRAINMEN KILLED IN
WRECK IN PENNSYLVANIAHuntington, Pa., Sept. 1.—A work
train, northbound, ran into a double-
header freight, southbound, between
Ridgely and Saxton, on the Hunt-
ington and Broad top railroad today.Four men were killed, an engineer,
conductor, fireman and brakeman.
Two others were seriously scalded.
Twenty cars and two engines were
completely wrecked.